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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

PAUL SCHARRENBURG

Paul Scharrenberg, who recently resigned the post of State director of Industrial Relations which he had held for years, was 78 years old Sunday. Last week he visited the office of East Bay Labor Journal, and seemed as lively and good-humored as the many years our editor has seen him from time to time.

Brother Scharrenberg has been authorized to write a history of the State Federation of Labor, and he checked our files to see how far back they run. He was a little disappointed, for he hoped to find the file of one of the predecessors of East Bay Labor Journal running back to about 1902. He had seen a few copies of this early-day East Bay labor paper down in Los Angeles.

However, the oldest file volume we have is the April 12, 1918 issue of the Alameda County Union Labor Record, with a picture of Sam Donohue on the first page, and a request that all BTC affiliates attend a big meeting to back President Woodrow Wilson's request that Tom Mooney be freed.

FIRST FED PRESIDENT

There's a good deal of history, though, in the 37 years covered by the files we have on hand, and Brother Scharrenberg was told, of course, that he's free to use them any time in the comfortable little room we have for our files in the new establishment at 1622 East 12th street.

Oakland had a big place from the start in the history of the Federation, he tells us, as the first president was a Brother Rogers, of the Oakland Typographical Union — his initials have slipped us for the moment. At that time, of course, around 1902, the State Federation was largely composed of Northern California unions, as there wasn't then much Southern California to tell the realtors about.

At the start, it seems, the head of the Federation was allowed the princely sum of three bucks a day when working to the full. Well, Scharrenberg looked up the price of things at that time, and found an ad in the Examiner proclaiming the price of whiskey as 55 cents a quart. So the official historian figures a man might do pretty well working to the full with one famous filler at 55 cents a quart!

A SAILOR'S MEMORIES

Scharrenberg, member of the Sailors Union, who arrived in California by swimming ashore from a wrecked vessel off Half-moon Bay, very much enjoyed the ceremonial voyage he took with other dignitaries in the old square-rigger *Balclutha* the other day. All of us whose memories go back to the days when those beautiful sailing vessels seagulled their way across the deep waters must realize what a pleasure that little trip must have been to the former editor of the Seamen's Journal.

Now that the State Federation of Labor is well past the half-century mark, and its official history is being written, one can't help but speculate on what the next half century will bring forth for the Federation. But that's another story.

Meany's Labor Day Talk Available on Records

National AFL headquarters now have available a ten-minute recording of President George Meany's Labor Day address, says the State Federation of Labor newsletter.

The recording is suitable for radio broadcasting or can be played at union meetings.

Last year 180 city and state groups secured local radio time on Labor Day for broadcasts of the Meany message.

Unions or councils seeking copies of the recording should contact Philip Pearl, AFL Director of Information, American Federation of Labor Building, Washington 1, D. C.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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CONVENTION GUESTS—The three young people shown above will be guests of honor at the 1955 convention of the California State Federation of Labor to be held in San Diego, which begins Monday of next week. They're winners of the fifth annual scholarship contest sponsored by the state AFL for high school seniors in California and Hawaii. From left to right they are: Lester O'Shea, Lowell High School, San Francisco; Eleanor Rosch, San Fernando High School, San Fernando; and Paul Wadsworth, Westchester High School, Los Angeles. All three will receive \$500 awards to advance their college education.

Joseph Casey Will Make the Run For Supervisor in S. F.

The many East Bay friends of Joseph Michael Casey, formerly an AFL organizer in the West, were interested to learn this week that he is running for Supervisor in the November election in San Francisco.

The Casey for Supervisor Campaign has already set up headquarters at 1475 Folsom street in San Francisco.

A friend of Casey's told East Bay Labor Journal that "almost universal labor support for Casey is expected."

Casey supporters are pulling strongly for his endorsement by the Union Labor Party at its convention the latter part of this month, and support from other elements in the community is showing up.

Casey is a member of Teamsters 85. His father, the late Michael Casey, is considered by those acquainted with labor history to have been the real founder of Teamster strength not only in San Francisco but in a wide area of the State.

The present candidate for Supervisor lives at 3047 Baker street with his wife and family. He was first appointed an AFL organizer in 1929, succeeding Josh Dale. In 1937 he transferred to organizing work for the Teamsters, holding this office until January of 1944, when he returned to the AFL organizing staff. He resigned his AFL organizership in September of last year.

One of Casey's labor backers told East Bay Labor Journal that "you might run in your paper the fact that checks made out to 'Casey for Supervisor Campaign' are being received from labor friends at the headquarters, 1475 Folsom street, San Francisco."

Doc Henderson Is Picketed by Union

Offset Reproduction Artisans 473, the newly organized local union affiliated with the Pressmen, is engaged in its first picketing enterprise, Fred Brooks, Pressmen 125, reported to the Central Labor Council this week.

Brooks, who is acting as secretary for the new union, said that pickets in front of Doc Henderson's shop at 357 13th street were getting plenty of cooperation from the public, as many regular customers had been seen starting for the place and then turning back. He called special attention to the fact that the union printing shop above Henderson's place is NOT being picketed.

Brooks said one woman at the Henderson shop, which does a great deal of photographic facsimile work on documents for unions, was getting only \$1.75 an hour, and that one man who has a wife and child gets only \$1.50 an hour. The union minimum is \$2.50.

Brooks said that Henderson is handling work which belongs to the jurisdiction of the striking union, but refuses to acknowledge it.

Daughtrey's Store Signs With Clerks

Daughtrey's Department Store, Castro Valley, has signed a contract with Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265, Secretary-Treasurer Russ Mathiesen announced.

The contract increases the wage of the clerks \$3 per week, bringing them to a basic scale of \$51.50 per week, and includes a \$2 per week health and welfare payment per employee. There are some 20 persons in the store.

MEETINGS CANCELLED FOR CONVENTION BY CLC, BTC

The Central Labor Council voted this week to cancel its scheduled meeting, that is, for August 15, because of the State Federation convention in San Diego, which many delegates will be attending.

The Building Trades Council for the same reason canceled its August 16 meeting.

Warehousemen 853 Get Wage Rise, Cut 2nd., 3d. Shift Hrs.

Warehousemen's Local 853, affiliated with the Teamsters Brotherhood, has signed a contract with the Northern California Ready Mix Concrete & Materials Association covering the 125 members of the union working for these firms. The term "batches" is sometimes used to describe such firms.

The contract is for two years, dating from June 2 of this year, and provides for a 12½-cent per hour increase from that date, and a 10-cent per hour increase on June 2, 1956. The first increase brings the men now to a minimum of \$2.0575 per hour and a top of \$2.3975.

The new contract provides for 8 paid holidays instead of the former 6. Vacations remain as formerly: one week for one year service, two weeks for three years.

One of the most interesting changes made is the shortening of second and third shifts, says W. D. Nicholas, secretary-treasurer of Local 853. While formerly all shifts were for 8 hours, now the second shift will be 7½ hours for 8 hours pay, and the third shift will be 7 hours for 8 hours pay.

E. R. Booker, secretary of the employers' group, was the negotiator for them. There were no serious complications in the course of the bargaining.

Kaiser Hospital Last-Minute Meet

Conciliator Joe Chambers met Wednesday afternoon with Fred Tennant, labor relations director for Kaiser Foundation Hospital, and John Kinnick, president of Office Employees 29, in a final effort to reach a settlement.

Central Labor Council Secretary W. P. Fee, who has been working for weeks on the negotiations, was unable to be at the CLC meeting this week, and asked Dick Groulx of Local 29 to report developments to that date. Groulx said that after repeated meetings there still was no meeting of minds, that the offer made by the management had been rejected by the membership by a 90 percent vote.

Both Kinnick and Groulx said that the members are definitely determined to strike if necessary.

5000 Iron Workers Vote For a Strike

Iron Workers 378 and its sister locals throughout the State have voted to strike August 16. There are about 5,000 workers affected.

Secretary Arnold Pierce of Local 378 said that there have been long negotiations with Associated General Contractors, Steel Wreckers Association, and Homebuilding Associations.

The current journeyman's scale, as reported in last week's issue of this paper, is \$3.10 per hour, plus 7½ cents welfare. The union asks 25 cents an hour increase across the board, and an additional 2½ cents welfare. They also ask a decrease in the mileage required before subsistence is provided for men working away from home.

S. F. Safeway Pact Concedes to Union Clerk Work Clause

East Bay labor people were much interested this week in the surrender of Safeway to Grocery Clerks 648 in San Francisco after 6 months of tense negotiations.

Safeway, receiving a heavy blow from NLRB in Washington Monday on one of the management's pet points, threw in the sponge, ended the negotiations, and signed up. This means retroactive increase agreed upon by the union and the rest of the industry will have to be paid by Safeway to January 2.

But that isn't the main point in the eyes of the union negotiators. The main point is that after two strikes and a six-year battle in court the union has finally won contracts with clear-cut definitions of what constitutes clerk's duties.

Under the industry agreement reached early in the year after a one-month strike in San Francisco a clause was agreed upon which declared that so far as performance of a clerk's work by an overall store manager is concerned, existing practices would be maintained; in other words, such a manager could continue to do whatever work of the clerk's type he had been doing, but no more.

JOB SURVEY
To determine just what "existing practices" were, a special job survey project headed by Sam Kagel, well known industrial disputes arbitrator, was set up.

In the Safeway agreement signed this week there is a clause which provides that company policy shall be adopted as the guide in this matter of the definition of clerks' work and who can do it. Company policy as understood in the contract is based on a statement by President Langan Warren of Safeway that a manager of a store is not really managing if he spends any considerable portion of his time doing clerk's work.

The whole trend of the company now in San Francisco, the union accepts as a fact, is to move toward more managerial work for managers, and less clerking. The San Francisco union feels that this is now firmly written into the Safeway contract.

During the court battle, Safeway at one time got a decision that the union was in contempt of court. Last December the union filed a petition with the court to be purged of the contempt charge. Safeway opposed this petition, contending that the current clerks' work practices of the union still constituted contempt of court.

It was the filing of an NLRB statement Monday with the Federal Appeals Court in San Francisco, pushing aside as unproved Safeway's claim that the union was still in contempt, which appeared.

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Ash Returns From Land Where News Is Nuisance And Is Treated As Such

Robert S. Ash, secretary, Central Labor Council, was back at his desk this week after a vacation in his favorite woodland haunts of Alpine county where, he reported, folks just let the TV tubes expire peacefully without replacement, and get along very well without knowing the troubles of the world.

He said during his absence from business—"and this is a business!"—he thought how wonderful it is to live in a country where a man and his family can go off into the woods without any kind of a passport and be free.

"And I wish to thank you people who made this fine vacation possible for me," Ash concluded, in reporting to the delegates.

All AFL Roads Lead To San Diego!

Ash and Jones Are Endorsed for Fed Post by the CLC

The Central Labor Council this week unanimously endorsed Robert S. Ash and Paul L. Jones for reelection as vice presidents of the State Federation of Labor at the convention of that organization opening Monday in San Diego.

Before doing so the council delegates voted to table a proposal that endorsement be given to President Thomas L. Pitts and Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation.

The whole matter of endorsing anyone came up when President John F. Quinn remarked from the chair that he was looking forward with pleasure to nominating Ash, CLC secretary, for reelection from District 10 as a vice president of the Federation.

A motion was then made that the council endorse Ash, so that it would be understood at San Diego that there is strong local desire to have him reelected.

KOPKE'S AMENDMENT

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, moved an amendment to the endorsement include Pitts and Haggerty.

Dick Kopke, Office Employees 29, stated that he was opposed to the amendment, that he, Groulx, voted for Democrat Dick Graves for Governor last year, and did not approve of Haggerty swinging the State Labor League for Political Education to endorse Goody Knight.

Leon Vannier and W. N. Wheeler of Carpenters 36 recommended endorsing Ash only. A. B. McClintock, Letter Carriers 76, said the council shouldn't go too far "mandating," and might best confine itself to endorsing Ash.

ASH'S POINT

Ash himself then spoke, saying that he had no objection to an endorsement of Pitts and Haggerty, but that if he, Ash, was to be endorsed, he certainly felt that Paul L. Jones of Laborers 304, his fellow vice president from this District 10, of the State Federation, should be endorsed also. Ash added that he felt both Haggerty and Pitts had done good work during the session of the Legislature.

Marilyn Anglin, Office Employees 29, then moved a substitute motion for the whole, that "the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and both District 10 Vice Presidents of the State Federation" be endorsed.

Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2, said: "Yes, endorse all four."

Harry Lumsden, Shipyard Laborers 886, said that he had been in politics now for 36 years, and that his diagnosis was that Ash and Haggerty had been diametrically opposed on the important question of who should be endorsed for Governor of California; that while we liked to say that we should love our enemies, actually in politics we don't, and that there was no reason why Ash's name should be coupled in an endorsement with the names of men who at this very convention might try to prevent Ash's reelection.

Groulx now returned to the charge, contending that Ash in saying that he didn't object to an endorsement of Pitts and Haggerty might have been positively "being a little less than sincere," and that it would not be doing a good job to endorse a man who had endorsed a reactionary Republican Governor such as Knight.

Fred Brooks, Pressmen 125, and Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, warned that the debate might get things so mixed up that the endorsement of Ash would get thrown into the discard along with the others under discussions.

"POLITICAL CHAOS"

Marilyn Anglin, stating that she wished to clarify the impression about her motion, said that she had no doubt that Ash would face opposition at the San Diego convention, because "a year ago we had political chaos in the State LLPE," and the State LLPE endorsed Knight, who lost Alameda county, where the AFL Voters League endorsed Graves. But she felt that apart from the LLPE, "Neil Haggerty as secretary of the State Federation has done a good job at Sacramento."

Ash expanded on this, saying that "we should keep separate" in our minds the work of Haggerty as State Federation representative at Sacramento, which, after all, was the main task of

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BTC Spokesman Will Fly From Convention to Motel Hearing

The Building Trades Council voted this week to have its business representative, J. L. Childers, fly back from the San Diego convention of the State Federation of Labor to appear at the Oakland City Council meeting Tuesday, August 16.

At that meeting the City Council will pass on the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the building of a motel at 14th and Oak streets be approved. Not only that motel, but the whole question of establishing T-zones, that is, travel zones, on Madison street from 14th to 19th street is involved.

Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, who has been keeping close check on the controversy for months, warned that the hotel and apartment house industry would be opposed.

The Oakland Board of Education wants opinions given by both Attorney General Brown and (Continued on Page 2)

CLC SENDS LETTERS, TO HAVE MAN AT MOTEL MEET

The Central Labor Council voted this week to authorize Secretary Robert S. Ash to write to each member of the Oakland City Council urging that the recommendations of the Planning Commission for permitting the construction of motels be accepted.

On motion of Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36, it was further voted that a representative of the Central Labor Council shall attend the City Council meeting on the subject Tuesday, August 16, even though the State Federation of Labor convention will then be in session in San Diego.

Interests and others opposing the project, will be heavily represented at the hearing before the City Council, and that therefore organized labor and other advocates of the motels should be there.

Oakland Tribune has opposed the motels, and there has been a feeling in labor circles that powerful influences were brought to bear to defer the City Council's full consideration of the subject until the State Federation of Labor convention was in session at the other end of the State. Organized labor showed determination not to permit any such device to be effective.

"YARD BEAUTIFUL"
Request that the proprietors of "Yard Beautiful" at Hayward be cited to appear to show cause why they should not be put on the We Don't Patronize list was made by and granted to Bricklayers 8, Gardeners 1206, and Hayward Carpenters 1622.

AILING PEST CONTROL
The Bay Cities District Council of Carpenters asked that the Ailing House Pest Control Co. be cited to appear. This firm, according to C. R. Bartolini, has been picketed for organizational purposes by Miscellaneous & Woodworkers Local 2565 of the Carpenters Brotherhood.

DELEGATES SEATED
Delegates seated were: M. B. Cameron, Carpenters 36; Richard Smith Jr., Arnold M. Pierce, Dale M. Ray, Iron Workers 378.

HODCARBERS 166
Abel (Blackie) Silva, Hodcarbers 166, requested strike sanction against the Mason Contractors of Greater East Bay, which was granted.

CARPENTERS 1622
Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, asked that W. F. & F. P. Gay be cited to show cause why they should not be put on the We Don't Patronize list. He said they were refused an overtime permit for July 29, and went ahead and worked Saturday, July 30.

LA DEW COMPANY
The recommendation of the Board of Business Agents was accepted that the William H. LaDew Co. be notified to place an engineer on the job.

PLEASANTON HOTEL
Charles Roe reported all crafts non-union on the Pleasanton Hotel job. Ernie Mulgrew, Teamsters 70, asked who owned the place, and was informed that the owner is "Bouquet" Cohn.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETS?
On recommendation of the Board of Business Agents it was decided to vote at the September 13 meeting that instead of meeting every Tuesday night the BTC meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

CONGRESSMAN MILLER
A letter from Congressman George P. Miller to BTC President J. S. (Blackie) Miller was read in which the Congressman said that "it must be a source of great satisfaction to you and all other officers of the Building Trades Council to know that your policies and actions have been so overwhelmingly en-

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President Meany Of AFL to Address State Convention

All California labor roads were leading to San Diego this week. Delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention to be held there beginning Monday of next week were setting affairs in order to attend the big annual gathering.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation, has announced that AFL President George Meany will address the convention.

This is the first time he has been present at a California AFL convention since the death of former President William Green in 1952.

Resolutions covering many phases of labor's activities and desires have been rolling in to Haggerty's desk, and the last local ones which could be accepted under the convention rules were received by him Wednesday of this week.

Resolutions may be accepted from Statewide conferences of affiliated organizations held not less than three days prior to the opening of the convention. Such conferences are usually held in the convention city just before the main convention opens.

Most of the AFL local unions here have elected delegates to the convention. The Central Labor Council is sending as its delegates Secretary Robert S. Ash and Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36. The Building Trades Council is sending Secretary John Davy and Business Representative J. L. Childers.

Convention Policy Platform Prepared

Major labor questions were given close examination in San Francisco as the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor prepared its statements of policy for submission to the annual state AFL convention set for San Diego August 15-19.

The 26-member Executive Council met Friday morning, August 5, in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in downtown San Francisco.

President Thomas L. Pitts called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Up for policy positions were the following subjects: Taft-Hartley, Full Employment, Social Security, Taxation, Housing, Civil Rights, International Affairs, Agricultural Labor, and Education.

Policy statements will be submitted to the San Diego convention and voted upon section by section.

Meanwhile, the San Diego Central Council Convention Committee was completing its entertainment program for the 2000 delegates due to attend the five-day conference.

General Chairman Max J. Osslo announced that transportation facilities have been arranged to take delegates and their wives to the Del Mar Race Track on Tuesday, August 16, "AFL Day at Del Mar," to Tijuana on Wednesday evening, August 17, for the barbecue and evening at the dog races at Agua Caliente, and to the Hotel Coronado, Coronado, for a luncheon for wives of delegates, Thursday, August 18.

Sorensen as adjutant of Samuel Gompers Post 578, had been in touch with Congressman Miller since June 6, when it was announced that the present hospital of the Veterans Administration could not be repaired to meet needs, and that accordingly the whole project would probably be moved to Palo Alto.

Sorensen told the CLC delegates that there are 790 beds in the present hospital, and 1,000 more needed; and that doubtless the new hospital to be placed somewhere in Alameda county will have at least a 1,500 capacity.

Roofers Stay Home One Day, Get 15 Cents Now, 10 Cents Jan. 1, 1956

Roofers 81 on Wednesday of last week had one of those strikes where the boss strikes out in the first inning one-strike-three.

Armed with strike sanction from the Building Trades Council, as the old contract expired the Roofers just didn't show up to work for the contractors belonging to the Associated Roofing Contractors of the Bay Area who hadn't signed on the dotted line.

They did go to work for the contractors who had signed. Result: everybody signed up on a one-year contract providing for a 15-cent hourly increase dating from August 1, with an additional boost of 10 cents an hour on August 1 next year.

This brings the present hourly pay to \$2.90, and the pay on January 1 of next year to \$3. Roofers work an 8-hour day. The contract covers Alameda and Contra Costa counties, according to Business Representative S. A. Summers.

VA Hospital Stays Here, Miller Wires

Andrew Sorensen, Molders 164, told the Central Labor Council that he had received a wire from Congressman George P. Miller.

"Good news! Val Peterson of Civilian Defense has withdrawn his objections to hospital being built in East Bay. He has advised VA that it is their responsibility, and Administrator Higley has indicated his willingness to build."

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HOW TO BUY

Buying Questions Answered
By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

DEPENDENT PARENT: "My mother-in-law lives next door to us in her own house. She is a Spanish-American war widow. We contribute half and sometimes more for her support. Up to last year she was getting less than \$600 a year. I claimed her as a partial dependent, but a year ago her pension was raised to \$636 a year. So this year I did not claim her as a dependent because she is drawing more than \$600 a year. Can I claim her as a dependent or not?"


—J. K., Park Falls, Wis.
Answer: A war widow's pension is not taxable income. It is tax exempt. Therefore it is not counted as a dependent's income in determining whether or not you can take him or her as an exemption. As long as you still provide more than half her support you still claim her as a dependent. (Or if several people provide more than half her support, they can agree to let any one of them take the \$600 exemption, and alternate as they choose.) Other types of income which are not taxable include social security, railroad retirement payments, insurance proceeds, workmen's compensation, allowances received by a veteran or his family, unemployment insurance, state assistance payments, and the non-taxable portion of annuities. Thus a dependent can have more than \$600 of such non-taxable income and still qualify as an exemption. But you should be prepared to substantiate that you do provide more than half the support, because while war widow's pensions, social security and similar incomes are not taxable, they are a visible means of support.

If Mr. J. K. failed to take his mother-in-law as an exemption on his tax return for 1954 income, he can file an amended return to recover the overpayment, by visiting or writing the nearest Internal Revenue office for the necessary forms.

VITAMINS: "Please give us mothers some information on the best sources of vitamins for our children in liquid or capsule form. It seems like some of the advertised brands are more expensive, and do not have the same equivalent as some cheaper kinds."

—Mrs. R. J., St. Paul, Minn.
Answer: How right you are. Vitamin products are one of the most overpriced items families have to buy. The trouble is, many doctors prescribe brand-name products with which they are acquainted through the personal visits of manufacturers' representatives and the large drug corporations' advertising. (But on the other hand, it's unwise and expensive to dose oneself indiscriminately with vitamins without consulting a doctor as to your actual need for them.) Actually, vitamin products are one of the easiest items to shop and compare. Government regulations require that vitamin preparations show on the label their actual potency. When two different brands both are labeled—for example—25,000 U.S.P. units of vitamin A, then you can simply buy the one that costs the least. "U.S.P." stands for United States Pharmacopoeia, meaning that vitamins and drugs carrying this

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FATHER GEORGE E. LUCY, founder of the University of San Francisco Labor-Management School, was honored August 9 at a farewell dinner toastmastered by Thomas A. Small, president of the San Mateo Labor Council. Father Lucy has been transferred to a St. Louis post.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

EVERYBODY KNOWS Americans love to form organizations. One of the very newest is the Handwriting Foundation, whose purpose is "to encourage a greater awareness of handwriting by parents, students and the general public, and to emphasize the importance of handwriting to business men and employees."

Time was when it was a matter of pride to have a fine, regular "Spencerian" hand. Time was when handwriting was an important means of communication, and a legible hand was the rule rather than the exception among literate people.

Now, however, it seems that it is "smart" to be illegible. "No one can read my writing" has become a boast rather than an apology.

Less and less emphasis has been placed on penmanship in the schools and this foundation claims that a great many teachers do not have a legible hand and therefore cannot teach it. In spite of the advent of the typewriter, legible handwriting is still important, according to Albert G. Frost, head of this foundation. He claims that more than seventy million dollars was lost by American businesses last year because of illegible handwriting.

The Post Office Department also complains that "people just won't cross their t's or dot their i's or close their o's." This creates a big headache for the postal men, who try to deliver mail as best they can.

The foundation recommends that a step in the right direction can be taken in the home, where mother should keep an orderly check book, sign charge account slips with a legible signature, write notes to the school which can be read without difficulty.

Most people can write legibly when they try. Haste and carelessness seems to be the mark of our age, but every once in a while we have to try to straighten ourselves out. Why not try WRITING rather than SCRAWLING?

Health and Poise

Cheap Diet

A budget-minded couple can plan wholesome meals on only \$4.28 a person a week, Department of Agriculture food experts said today.

Nutritionists at the Utah Experiment Station supplied this budget figure, which works out at about 20 cents a meal.

The figure was the result of a three-week diet research project, with a young college couple volunteering for the eating roles in the interest of science. They completed their assignment in good health and without losing weight.

The \$4.28 was parceled out this way:

Milk and cheese, 83 cents; eggs, 22 cents; potatoes, 4 cents; leafy green and yellow vegetables, 33 cents; citrus fruits and tomatoes, 16 cents; other fruits and vegetables, 55 cents; meat, fish, and poultry, 66 cents; dry beans, peas, and nuts, 22 cents; baked goods, flour, and cereals, 61 cents; fats and oils, 36 cents; sugar, syrup, preserves, 25 cents; condiments and spices, 5 cents.

During the three weeks the couple bought nine quarts of homogenized milk and enough dry milk solids to make twenty-one quarts of skim milk. The 15 per cent of the food dollar that went for meat and fish bought two and a half pound of ground beef, eight ounces of frankfurters, twelve ounces of yellowtail (fish), two pounds of frozen fish, three pounds of chuck roast and eleven ounces of liver.

C. J. HAGGERTY, executive officer of the California State Federation of Labor, has been named by AFL President Meany as a delegate to the 1955 British Trades Union Congress to be held in England September 5-9.

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BTC Spokesman Will Fly From Convention to Motel Hearing

(Continued from Page One)

District Attorney Coakley, Assemblyman Doyle, Contra Costa, who introduced the bill, is asking Brown for an informal opinion, said Childers.

SOCIAL SECURITY
All State employees, it was announced, will vote November 1 as to whether they wish to be integrated with the Social Security system. The vote will be on a Statewide basis. The matter was referred to the Board of Business Agents to make recommendations to union members employed by the State.

RESISTOL HAT CO.
BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from the Longview, Wash., Building Trades Council calling attention to non-union work being done by the Resistol Hat Co. The text of this letter will be published later by East Bay Labor Journal.

Childers said that the matter of the Engineers and the Plasterers at the Alameda Naval Supply Depot will be straightened out.

MILLWRIGHTS & CIO
Childers said that in the dispute between the Millwrights and CIO Machinists at Pabco it was found that the CIO contract provides that the CIO union retains jurisdiction over work done previously by it, but that the matter was being gone into further.

HOUSING AUTHORITY
Childers reported he had sent a letter to the Oakland Housing Authority regarding the new scale for maintenance mechanics. Hughie Rutledge, Painters 127, asked about the scale of painters, and Childers said that this letter referred only to the scale for the maintenance mechanics. Rutledge remarked that the Housing Authority was always very slow to get new scales into effect, and Childers said that apparently there is much red tape bookkeeping involved.

BEST CATERPILLAR
Childers said that in the discussion between Roofers and Painters concerning a job for the Best Caterpillar Co., San Leandro, the job was already completed.

HARRIS REALTY CO.
Childers said that a picket had been placed at the wrecking job, 2510 Filbert street, run by the Harris Realty Co., and that he had been informed this company was going into the construction job and would use this location as a headquarters. Since apparently the company felt no great friendliness toward organized labor, he advised that agents of all crafts watch operations closely.

WELFARE COMMITTEE
Garoni said the joint health and welfare committee being set up by the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council was meeting Wednesday at the call of Jeffery Cohehan of the CLC for organizing purposes.

7-HOUR DAY
BTC Vice President Joe Pruss, chairman of the 7-hour Day Committee recently formed, reported the committee had met and had a general discussion. Childers said it was essential to find practical ways and means to concentrate efforts of all unions on this, that one problem was the varying areas covered by agreements held by different unions.

It was announced that subcommittee on public relations had been named by the 7-Hour Day Committee, including Charles Roe, S. E. Rockwell, Paul L. Jones, Bruce Dillshaw, and Charles Garoni.

C. R. Bartolini, Carpenters 36, said that the education of the memberships of the unions was the big project. He said the District Council of Carpenters, of which he is secretary, is now working at this; that John Hutchinson of the UC Institute of Industrial Relations is arranging a monthly seminar on the economics involved in the

proposed change of hours per day to be attended by all business agents of affiliated locals. Jay Johnson, Laborers 304, said that the Laborers' agreement with Associated General Contractors covers 46 counties, that the 7-hour day might be arranged in the Bay counties, but would be difficult to achieve in the cow counties, and that it would be practically impossible to split the contract into provisions for sectional areas; and that all crafts would have to work together on any such matter.

Childers pointed out that the Plasterers have a 6-hour day, as do all the "mud" crafts, and that accordingly they might not show much interest. Rutledge said that the Painters now have the 7-hour day, and that if the other crafts won the 7-hour day the Painters would move toward the 6-hour day. He said concessions on wages might have to be made to win the 7-hour day for some crafts.

Bartolini remarked that the Carpenters are tied up in contracts with the AGC, and that this makes more difficult any such negotiations, as it would be easier to solve it if working with the subcontractors on it. He pointed out, however, that in 1952 by a determined strike lasting several weeks the Carpenters had won the health and welfare clause from AGC.

Bartolini said he had studied the house of Carpenter locals all over the country, and that so far in only 7 localities, and these in the New York and New Jersey area, was there the 7-hour day.

FIREMEN'S BALL
The council voted not to buy tickets for the Firemen's Ball, on the ground that too many firemen were taking building trades work. The matter was discussed by Garoni, Floyd Peaslee, Joseph Hightower, Pruss, Johnson, and Rutledge. The tickets were sent back, with a request that the firemen name a committee to discuss the matter of firemen doing building trades work with the BTC.

ASH, JONES ENDORSED
The council on motion of Johnson unanimously endorsed Paul L. Jones and Robert S. Ash for reelection as vice presidents of the State Federation of Labor.

INSPECTOR COMMENDED
Roe moved, and the council agreed, that a commendatory letter be sent to Safety Inspector W. C. Jones in the southern end of the county for the careful work he is doing, and that copies be sent to Governor Knight, Industrial Relations Director Webb, and Joe Roberts of the Safety Bureau.

SUIT AGAINST UC
Pruss and Jones commented on the filing of the action by the council against UC to collect sick leave pay. The suit is reported in another column. While only 5 craftsmen are named as plaintiffs in this action, if the case is decided in their favor, many more craftsmen will automatically be enabled to collect sick leave pay.

COMPENSATION FUND
Roe moved that the State Federation of Labor be asked to consider the making of a thorough investigation of the State Compensation Insurance Fund, which was proving very difficult to deal with in collecting money obviously due to injured workers.

Rutledge suggested that since prominent labor men were on the board and in other positions in the State, it might be well to confer with them first. Jones said that the Compensation Fund was the toughest of all insurance carriers to deal with. C. E. Risley remarked that not long ago the State Fed advised all unions to deal only with the State Fund, and drop all other carriers. Roe's motion was carried.

FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

CHILDREN AT PLAY, even on a supervised playground, can get into various kinds of trouble, as every parent knows.

The latest kink in giving the parents a chance to watch the children is the one in a Pennsylvania community. It has a closed circuit TV system, in addition to getting reception from six channels.

The "baby sitting" channel enables parents to check on kids at the playground. TV cameras are mounted in a tree near the playground to keep the youngsters in view of any parent who tunes in.

SOME OF THE WORST problems that arise in children's lives, though, cannot be discovered with the human eye, even with help from the TV eye. You never know what queer little notions are getting lodged in the child's head that will cause trouble later.

One child will develop the habit of dominating all the other children with whom he or she plays, and will suffer terrible pains of the psyche when dominance fails. Another develops the habit of subordination to others.

Then there is the child that seems too calm and happy, and later you find that this same child was nursing deep grievances all the while.

PARENTS today would very much like to know whether children develop any more of these mental kinks now than they did in the days before psychiatry developed so far, or whether it's just a matter of the kinks getting publicized more than formerly.

Meanwhile, if TV will help the parents to watch the kids for possible physical injuries on the playground, that will be something to the good, anyway!

Some Good Food
Snap Beans

To vary the taste of fresh or canned snap beans, try one of the following methods. Heat beans with chopped ham or bacon. Or saute briefly a tablespoon or more of minced onion, green pepper, or parsley in a little butter or margarine; add beans and heat. Try using a pinch of mustard, celery seed, celery salt, or dill seed. Or, heat beans with salad oil, adding lemon juice, horseradish, or garlic to oil.—Christian Science Monitor.

Farm Prices Continue Their Downward Drift

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Farm prices reached the lowest level under the Eisenhower Administration in mid-July dropping 2 per cent over the month to a point 3.2 per cent below the level of a year ago.

The latest drop put farm prices 23 per cent below the record high set in February, 1951. Prices paid by farmers for goods and services and family living declined about one-third of one per cent between mid-June and mid-July.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson said the latest drop in prices reflects "the impact of heavy supplies of agricultural commodities."

Textile Workers Make Plans to Win the South

ATLANTA, Ga. (AFL News)—Delegates representing 50,000 textile workers in 80 southern textile mills are scheduled to begin a series of state-wide and area-wide conferences to determine collective bargaining policy on wages in light of the legislated increase in the minimum wage to \$1 an hour.

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For example, you know better than to trail right behind a speeding car. The front driver cannot always see you. He cannot always drive as you expect him to, and you cannot always out-guess him.

So drop back, man. Take Len: He was carefully driving to work the other day. Pushing right along behind was Ralph, late for work, and honking at each stop.

At the next signal everything looked clear. But just then the amber light turned red, and Len gave a proper hand signal and stopped short. And good old Ralphie ploughed right on into Len's bumper, smashing both cars.

Even if Len could have made the crossing safely, that doesn't help Ralph any. It was Ralph's duty to allow enough room to stop in. For him to drive that close in moving traffic was "negligent," to say the least.

Under California law, as elsewhere, the driver in back must keep a safe distance; he must make sure he can stop if he has to. Otherwise he "contributes" to the mishap, and cannot collect. And if the front driver does not share in the blame, as Len did not, then the driver behind may have to foot the whole bill. Good sense tells you how to drive safely. The law makes you pay if you don't.

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

Ladies Garment Workers Ask 45-Week Guarantee

ST. LOUIS (AFL News)—The AFL Ladies Garment Workers union asked 125 garment manufacturers in the Southwest to guarantee workers a minimum of 45 weeks work a year.

The union proposed that employers pay 10 per cent of their weekly payrolls into a fund from which workers will be paid if the companies do not deliver on their work promise.

The demands were presented to the Associated Garment Industries of St. Louis by Meyer Perlestein, head of the union's southwestern region. They will be presented to other manufacturers in the area as contracts come up for renewal, Perlestein said.

He said the reason for the employment guarantee is to encourage manufacturers to reduce seasonal unemployment by adding other types of garments to take up the slack during off-seasons.

Perlestein estimated that coat and suit workers in the Southwest average 30 to 35 weeks of work a year and dressmakers put in 40 to 46 weeks.

Perlestein negotiated a contract in 1953 with the Gernes Garment Co. of Kansas City providing employment guarantees of from 50 to 52 weeks a year depending on length of service.

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Steamfitters Weigh Refinery Pact

By JIM MARTIN

Our next meeting to be held September 1, 1955 will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of hearing the reports of our Delegates to the California State Federation of Labor Convention.

Beginning with October the regular two meetings a month and the regular Executive meetings will resume. In accordance with the By-Laws the non-attendance assessments will again be in effect.

Our General President Martin P. Durkin has undergone another operation. He is making steady progress on his way to recovery. The General Executive Board has appointed Assistant to the President Peter T. Schoemann to act as General President during President Durkin's leave of absence. The members of this union wish President Durkin a very speedy recovery.

Meetings were held recently in Chicago, Ill., with Committee members representing the National Constructors, Boilermakers and the United Association. The writer was appointed to serve on this Committee. The purpose of this first meeting was to survey the possibility of consummating a National Agree-

ment covering maintenance in refineries and other processing plants. Looking at the amount of maintenance work that the United Association is doing on a national basis, we find that in this area, Los Angeles and in parts of Texas the United Association is doing most of the maintenance work in refineries and other processing plants. However, in the East, Middle West and in the Southern States other crafts are performing this type of work. So, a National Agreement would open the door for the Contractors to bid this work on a competitive basis with the non-union competitor. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held in the East the latter part of August.

The membership voted to renew the contract of Attorney Galliano for another year. This contract pertains to representation by Mr. Galliano on Industrial Accident cases. The one dollar per year for each member is now due and payable on this contract.

The work situation is improving and with some new projects due to start our unemployment situation should be cleared up shortly.

Dressing Room Chatter

Theater Union Negotiations Proceed

By JOE CONNELLY

Last week we announced in the column that another meeting with the employers negotiating committee was scheduled for the preceding day.

Late Wednesday, after the Journal had gone to press the employers contacted Secretary-Treasurer Sutherland of the California State Theatrical Federation cancelling that meeting and asking for a meeting sometime this week.

Brother Sutherland had advised them as early as July 28th, that the majority of the members of the employee's committee would be enroute to conventions of the State Theatrical Federation and the California State Federation of Labor during that week.

Whether this was an empty gesture on the part of the employers' committee or an unintentional oversight we do not presume to say.

The next date that seemed mutually agreeable to all parties concerned was August 30th and we will report either in these columns or at a regular membership meeting any progress made after that time.

Up and down the aisle... Last week we commented on the lack of news items forwarded for this column. Apparently it did some good, as along with what we were able to pick up ourselves we find: Ed (Push) Fairman of the Oakland Auditorium and wife are flying East for a three-week vacation...

Ann Blalock, formerly of the business office, has sold her Danville home and is moving to Livermore, where hubby is a member of the police force... Dorothy Sherman, formerly of the outdoor field, being reinstated and working with Priscilla (Brown) Thomas... Joe Cassell, formerly of the Sands ballroom door, out of the hospital... Virginia McGill, another outdoor worker, moving to a new home in Castro Valley... Fay Reeder has been replaced as manager of the Paramount by John Nylen, former city man-

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Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y, Bus. Mgr.,
Steamfitters Union No. 342

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

Our meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, at 8 p.m., has been canceled due to the State Federation of Labor Convention being then in session.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Building Service Employees 18

Building Service Union Local 18 will not have a general membership meeting in August, and the next meeting will not be until the fourth Friday in September on the 23d.

Fraternally yours,
W. DOUGLAS GELBERT,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC Employees 371

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, August 13, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland.

All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER N. RENEY,
Secretary-Treasurer

Paint Makers 1101

At the regular August 16 meeting a special guest speaker, Miss Patricia Smith, an attorney, UC graduate, member of the Queen's Bench, active in Eastern Star and Woodmen of the World, will talk on the United Bay Area Crusade, representing the Speakers' Bureau of that campaign. She will give the background and purposes of the campaign, in which organized labor is vitally interested.

A big turnout is urged for this important discussion.

Fraternally,
JACK KOPKE,
Representative

Hayward Painters 1178

The third Friday of the month comes on the 19th, so "Govern Yourself Accordingly". After the regular order of business has been acted upon, there will be a Special Called Meeting to act on a possible change of our Life Insurance Policy to another Insurance Co. from the one we now have. Be sure to attend that meeting and take your part in the discussion of this question.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Cement Masons 594

Our next meeting, Thursday evening, 8 p.m., August 18, in Hall I, at 2315 Valdez street, will be a special meeting for the purpose of adding a section to our local constitution.

Fraternally,
BRUCE DILLASHAW,
Business Representative

AFL and CIO Aluminum Workers Win Increase For 26,000 Jointly

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—AFL and CIO aluminum workers won a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase from the Aluminum Company of America and moved into negotiations with the Reynolds Metal Co.

The wage agreement, patterned closely after the recent settlement in the steel industry, covers about 26,000 workers, 15,000 in the CIO Steelworkers and 11,000 in the AFL Aluminum Workers.

The unions set up a joint strategy and bargaining committee for the first time this year. Bargaining talks were held separately but the unions coordinated negotiating policies in reaching the agreement.

The contract calls for an 11 1/2 cent across-the-board increase effective Aug. 1, 1955 and an additional 3 1/2 cents for adjustments in the rate structure.

The agreement also provides for other adjustments as a result of a wage study agreement concluded last year. The study will be continued for at least six more months with Alcoa continuing to set aside three cents an hour for the program.

Contracts with both unions were open for wages only this year.

Corporation Profits Up 31 Percent Over First 6 Months of Last Year

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Corporate profits chalked up spectacular gains in the first half of 1955 and may climb even higher in the July-September period, a leading bank and financial newspaper reported.

The First National City Bank of New York, which keeps its fingers on the profit pulse reported profits after taxes for the first six months were 31 per cent higher than for the same period in 1954. For the second quarter of the year alone the gain was 34 per cent.

The bank said for the first six months profits before and after taxes were the best in four years.

The Wall Street Journal, which keeps a boxscore on profits by quarters, reported profits jumped 33 per cent in the second quarter over the same quarter in 1954. The gains were termed the sharpest since 1949.

The Journal commented "the second-quarter increases, furthermore, appear to be no flash in the pan... current indications are that the third quarter will bring a year-to-year climb of similar proportions."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Strokes of the Brush from Local 127

Painters' Picnic Big Success; Jobs Many, But Rains Will Come Again

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We regret to report the death of Brother Andrew Larsen who passed away on Saturday, August 6 after a short illness. Burial was from Robinson's Mortuary on Monday, August 8. The officers and members of the local extend their deep sympathy to the family of our departed brother.

Another yearly picnic came and one. Last Saturday a goodly crowd of over 500 of the brothers, their wives and friends, enjoyed a beautiful day of fun, dancing, games, etc., at Bjornsen's Park in Crow Canyon. The kiddies had a full day of fun and really packed away the ice cream, soda water and hot dogs. Hope you were one of those who enjoyed the day.

Our nimrod brother from the (pointers) informed us last night that with the opening of the dear season in the Livermore Hills some dirty varmints shot a couple of dear up there in the hills. If there is a shortage of meat come wintertime we know the reason and them varmints should play cricket. For more info ask Brother Kessell.

Work continues plentiful and all brothers on the job. This situation looks good for some time but again we remind the brothers that sure as shooting the rains will come. Better get spotted in a shop for all year.

Watch this column for notices of a Special Called meeting to vote on a reduction in our death insurance policy. We anticipate that this action may be taken at our meeting of Thursday the 11th.

Don't forget that all bills for medical expenses incurred prior to June 1 must be submitted by the end of this month.

Next meeting of the local will be August 25.

Ike's Nomination For Wage Man Hit

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—The AFL called on the Senate to reject President Eisenhower's nomination of Newell Brown to be wage-hour administrator, declaring he lacks "the maturity of judgment and the objectivity" required by the job.

Nelson H. Cruikshank, Director of AFL Social Insurance Activities, told a Senate Labor subcommittee that Brown's record as Director of the Division of Employment Security in New Hampshire and his activities in the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies show he does not possess the qualifications for the vital post.

The hearings on Brown's nomination came nearly five months after his name was submitted by the President. When the appointment was first presented to the Senate Labor Committee organized labor made clear its opposition through protests by AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther.

Confirmation had been held up also by a Labor Department investigation of the lobbying activities of the Interstate Conference ordered by the House Appropriations Committee.

Brown, who served as secretary to Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams when the latter was governor of New Hampshire, has the full support of Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

Cruikshank told the subcommittee that the New Hampshire Republican record on importation of Canadian loggers revealed that his idea of a "prevailing wage" leads to a "sharp decline in the earnings of New Hampshire logging workers."

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Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Seeking Sanction to Strike Sunnyvale Jeweler

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We were unable to get a signature from Mr. Thomas of Mann Jewelers in Sunnyvale and the membership at the meeting in San Jose held August 2, voted to refer the matter to the Santa Clara Central Labor Council and request strike sanction against this jewelry store.

It was recently brought to the attention of this office that the Bulova Watch Company had called the retail jewelers attention to a promotional scheme distributed by the National Silver Company. It was one of those arrangements where the retailer was to mail a post card to his own customers quoting a price for watch repairs, and at the same time, offer a "free" inducement.

We immediately took the matter up with the Bulova Watch Company and we have a letter on file from Mr. Irving D. Holzer, Assistant Advertising Manager, assuring us that they will, in the future, keep in mind the objections of our union to this type of advertising.

SAN FRANCISCO-EAST BAY MEMBERS ATTENTION: There is NO MEETING in August. Send your current dues to the office—do not allow them to become delinquent.

SAN JOSE MEMBERS ATTENTION: The members at the last meeting voted to start enforcement of the 10c daily delinquent fine as provided in the union's By-Laws, beginning with November dues.

However, due to the fact that the San Jose meeting is on the first Tuesday in the month and most members pay their dues on that night, there will be a ten (10) day grace period to complete your dues before the 10c per day fine becomes effective.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ATTENTION: Due to my being at the California State Federation Convention during the week of August 15 through August 19, the Executive Board meeting will be postponed until Thursday, August 25. Please note the date.

Labor Dept. Will Train Older Women for Jobs

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—A blueprint for community action to train women in their 40's, 50's and over for new jobs has been designed by the Labor Department's Women's Bureau on the basis of a survey of 23 local projects.

The program is outlined in a new bureau pamphlet, "Training Mature Women for Employment," which notes the success of the local projects in training and placing in jobs women in the middle and upper age brackets.

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Teachers Union Writer Reports on Problem of Specially Gifted Child

By HELEN TYCHININ

Press Correspondent

Oakland Teachers Federation

"The Education of the Gifted Child," is one of the topics to be discussed by Oakland School principals and administrators at the regular September Teachers' Institute to be held Sept. 8, preceding the official opening of schools here on Sept. 12.

This is the first time the problem of providing adequate educational opportunities for the gifted child has been a part of the regular institute program. This problem is beginning to receive the attention of educators all over the nation, as it becomes more and more apparent that the gifted, or mentally superior, child is the most neglected in the entire education program.

The report on the "Study of the Gifted" prepared by Dr. Ruth Martinson of Long Beach State College for the California Congress of P.-T.A. states that "these mentally superior children don't just get along extra well as commonly assumed. Unless properly handled and understood they often have terrific problems through no fault of their own."

"They become confused, resentful, bored and discouraged and their great potential for achievement is lost for themselves and for society. Until as much time, money and effort is expended on mentally gifted children as is expended on mentally and physically handicapped, etc., the gifted will continue to receive an inadequate education."

Retail Trade Declared Only 7% Organized Now

ITHACA, N. Y. (AFL News)—Retail trade is one of the great underdeveloped areas remaining for union growth, the Industrial and Labor Relations Review reported, with less than 7 per cent of the 7 million paid workers unionized.

The publication of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University said in an article by Martin S. Estey of Michigan State College that six national AFL and CIO unions have more than a half million members in the retail trades, and that AFL growth in this area has been strong.

AFL unions are dominant in the retail trade field, he said, with over 80 per cent of all organized workers. The AFL Retail Clerks, he said, increased its membership 4,800 per cent between 1933 and 1954.

Congressman B. F. Sisk Of Fresno Represented In Field by Mrs. Clough

Betty L. Clough, wife of Charles W. Clough, editor of the Valley Labor Citizen in Fresno, has been appointed field representative of Congressman B. F. Sisk, Democrat, 12th District.

Mrs. Clough has charge of the Congressman's field office at 228 Blackstone avenue, Fresno.

Mr. and Mrs. Clough are well known here, as they formerly resided in Richmond, and Clough was for some time a member of the staff of East Bay Labor Journal. He was active as a member of Office Employees 29 here.

The Valley Labor Citizen, like East Bay Journal, has its own printing plant, and does job printing. Clough is both editor and business manager of the entire enterprise.

OLD AGE PENSION group meets in Oakland Saturday, August 13, 1:30 p.m. in the Key System Employees Bldg., 410 11th street.



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OPINIONS

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Editor, Labor Journal:

I am not a member of Organized Labor, but I read every issue of your paper for its sanity and calm thought. And your editorial on the Stephanie Bryan case in your 29 July issue impressed me very much; every word of it true.

Enough papers have carried enough sensational headlines on this matter to, if placed end to end, reach from here to New York. This is the method now in vogue in most of our free press to convict a suspect by headlines before he has the opportunity provided by law to be tried by a jury of his peers. And who among all of the peers, or jurors, is not convinced in some degree in all of these sensational cases before the accused appears before them for a presumably fair trial?

Every one of your points was well and fairly taken, and taken without the leaven of hysteria to influence your own readers. This is honest journalism exemplified.

Certainly you, and all of the rest of us, have a feeling of horror in this matter, and sympathy for the girl and for her parents and family. But no one, including Abbott, is guilty until proven so. And this bungled, confusing affair is far from the desired goal of convicting, and then speedily executing whoever is finally proven guilty.

Very truly yours,

JOHN O. DALY.

P.O. Box 1146,
Richmond, Calif.

P.S. You may use this if you wish. I am 70 years of age; do not intend to run for public office; and am not ashamed of my name and Irish ancestry; nor that I am an American and fully believe in our American way, although it has become unpopular, in some quarters, to follow it rigidly.

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Editor, Labor Journal:

I find much news and information in East Bay Labor Journal that is not available elsewhere, and, certainly, more truth in news coverage than appears in other local papers. The paper is very well written and is so edited that you provide coverage of news which provides the reader a better picture of local and other areas' activities than he might otherwise obtain.

I wish to particularly compliment you on your courageous remarks in your REPORT column of July 29th dealing with press and police treatment of Burton Abbott. I know nothing of the guilt or innocence of the man, don't know him or any members of his family, or anyone of the murdered child's family. I do, however, agree wholeheartedly with your remarks protesting the making of a Roman Holiday over an investigation and the irresponsible treatment of a person before his indictment, arraignment, or trial.

I hope the East Bay Labor Journal continues forever its fine general and labor news coverage, its hard-hitting editorials, and its firm stand for what is right and fair in our society and communities. Your paper is especially needed and valuable in this area, so dominated by its present single daily paper and its ever slanted misrepresentations of the news.

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EDITORIALS

McCarthy, and Animal Stories

The old adage has it that when a man bites a dog, it's news. It's likewise news when the reactionary Hearst press bites the reactionary Joe McCarthy, although in this case it might be difficult to decide which is the man and which is the dog.

At any rate, in its August 4 issue the Examiner deserts McCarthy, asserting under the headline, "Off Base, Joe," that the Senator's charges that at the Geneva conference the President sold out practically everything that is sacred "were untimely, unwise, intemperate and without evidence."

This desertion of the doughty smearer at this late date brings to mind another animal story—something about rodents of a certain breed having an overwhelming tendency to desert a sinking vessel. For there is no good reason why any labor people—even those who join the Hearst press in admiration of Goody Knight—should credit the Examiner with sincerity in its abandoning the busted balloon from Wisconsin.

During all the years the Examiner has been lauding McCarthy's remarks have invariably been "untimely, unwise, intemperate and without evidence." Now, however, the Hearst pundits discover that the American people, and even the American Senate, do have a lot of decency and common-sense, and McCarthyism is not the soul of the soul of America, and therefore not too profitable to stay with.

Don't forget, though, that the State of California in the crucial moment of December, 1954, when a minority of Senators voted against censuring McCarthy, the State of California was disgraced by its two Senators, Knowland and Kuchel, who stuck with the minority for McCarthy against decency. Knowland now tries to make up for it by getting up at this late date and answering McCarthy in the Senate. Again one thinks of that animal story about what happens on sinking vessels.

A Letter to Richmond, Calif.

The Beck & Gallagher Furniture Manufacturing Company of Richmond, Contra Costa county, received a letter dated January 5 of this year from the Dixie Factory Locating Service of Memphis, Tenn.

The letter suggested that the California company might like to consider moving to the Old South. One of the attractions of the South cited in the letter—you've probably guessed it!—was as follows:

"Abundant Labor—high quality, unspoiled native labor eager to give a full day's labor for a moderate wage."

The above letter is run in full in facsimile in a new booklet of the American Federation of Labor entitled "Subsidized Industrial Migration: the Luring of Plants to New Locations."

This 85-page booklet cites instance after instance of the subsidizing of removals by established firms into other areas. The subsidies are sometimes put up by public bodies, sometimes by private organizations or civic groups.

AFL President George Meany points out in the preface that the wave of migrations induced by some of these subsidized changes of locations has "left large numbers of workers stranded when plants in which they were employed were closed down and moved to another location."

The South and the Pacific Coast have gained most at the expense of the older industrialized regions. But, says the booklet:

"Upon examination, it appears that the shift to the Pacific area represents largely a response to the natural growth in markets and population which has characterized that area of the country. This represents, on the whole, a movement of industry in response to sound economic conditions."

But that letter to the furniture manufacturers in Richmond indicates that the Pacific area is now beginning to be thought of in the South as one of the older industrialized regions whose manufacturers can be lured away with the promise of low wages.

A Department of Urbiculture?

Congressman J. Arthur Younger, Republican, San Mateo, had a hearing before Congress adjourned on his proposal that a Department of Urbiculture be set up, its head to have Cabinet rank, and its function to "develop methods of dealing with pressing social, economic and civic problems growing out of inadequate knowledge of the principles of using and developing urban lands."

Younger noted that when the Department of Agriculture was established 63 years ago, 80% of the population lived on farms. Now, he said, only 15% of the population is on farms.

That's right, but certainly a large proportion of the urban population is made up of working people, but Congressman Younger and his fellow conservative Republicans have never shown much enthusiasm about helping the Department of Labor, which serves the working people. They prefer the Department of Commerce which serves city business interests.

As for the need for better knowledge of "the principles of using and developing urban lands," which is certainly a real need, our enthusiasm for Congressman Younger's sponsoring of this nine-bit term, "Urbiculture," in this bill, was suggested to him by a "friend on the National Association of Real Estate Boards," about as reactionary a lobbying group as NAM itself.

Attention, Pinkos and Party-Liners!

Pinkos and party-liners have been having a Kremlin holy day talking about how dreadful it is that the U. S. Government kept on trying four times to deport Harry Bridges.

Maybe. But one thing the pinkos and party-liners don't mention, and that's the fact that it's a pretty wonderful thing to live in a country where the central Government keeps bumping its nose against an independent judiciary. Once a man is on the Federal bench in this country, he can tell the President who appointed him to go jump in Lake Tahoe or the old mud puddle back of the barn in Gettysburg.

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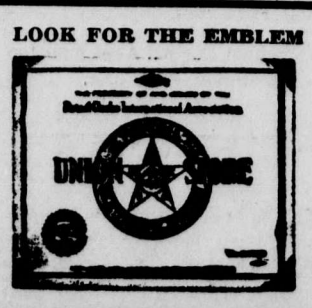
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E. Fisher, Plumbers Congress Asked to Oust Wolfson Mgt.

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S. F. Safeway Pact Concedes to Union Clerk Work Clause

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The industry agreement and the Safeway agreement just signed increase wages \$3 a week, bringing journeymen to \$83 for a 40-hour week.

The agreement gives the workers 3 weeks vacation after 5 years of service, whereas before there was simply a provision for two weeks after one year of service.

No change is made in the previous health and welfare arrangement. Night differential is increased 7 1/2 cents an hour, bringing the total to 25 cents an hour. Sunday work will now draw double time instead of the previous time and a half.

One interesting new clause provides that there shall be no discrimination in hiring or firing because of age.

Roland Davis is the attorney who has piloted the union's case through the courts.

Dave Selvin, editor of the San Francisco Labor Council's publication, San Francisco Labor, told East Bay Labor Journal that "in San Francisco we feel the big thing is that a clearcut definition of clerks' work as conceived by the union itself is finally and firmly in the contract."

The contract covers between 300 and 400 Safeway clerks in San Francisco. The signing of it is expected to help negotiations now in progress with Safeway in Vallejo, San Mateo, and San Jose.

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George P. Miller Made GOP Member Of House Squirm

Senator Knowland announced recently that he thought it would be better to have the Republicans control both the Congress and the White House rather than just the White House.

This set some controversy going as to whether Democrats or Republicans had a better record in supporting some important Administration measures which were held by many Democrats to be basically nonpartisan.

In this connection, Drew Pearson in his syndicated column wrote August 7 the following, published in newspapers all over the country:

Representative George Miller of California got a lot of ribbing as the lone Democrat traveling with President Eisenhower on his plane to San Francisco last June. But he managed to hold his own. At one point, FOA boss Harold Stassen asked Mr. Eisenhower in a booming voice heard all over the plane:

"Mr. President, what do you think constitutes a good Democrat?"

"Well, I would say that a good Democrat," replied Ike, "is one who has seen the light and is about to be taken over by the Republicans."

To which Miller retorted:

"Mr. President, I think I am entitled to ask: what constitutes a good Republican? I think the record will show that some of us Democrats have supported your own party in Congress. I've supported you about 74 percent of the time. That's 10 percent higher than the support you received from the average Republican member of the House."

Miller looked straight at GOP Representative Hubert Scudder, also of California, who has been on and off the Eisenhower reservation during crucial votes. Scudder squirmed, grinned sheepishly, said nothing.

50-cent Increase For Eastern Teamos

BOSTON (AFL News)—The AFL Teamsters won a 50-cent-an-hour pay increase over a three-year period in the first break in the six-week-old trucking strike in three New England states.

The union announced a settlement with Associated Transport Inc., the largest of a group of firms involved in the dispute. The settlement calls for a 15-cent-an-hour pay boost each year of the three-year contract with a final 5-cent boost. The wage scale would go from \$1.67 to \$2.17 over the three-year period.

The agreement calls also for a gradual reduction in work hours from the present 48 hours a week to 40 hours at the end of three years. The teamsters will thus maintain their same earnings while working shorter hours.

The contract covers truckers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Ash and Jones Are Endorsed for Fed Post by the CLC

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The State Fed, from the operations of the LLPE. Both Pitts and Haggerty, he said, had done good work at Sacramento.

Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36, said that he disagreed with Ash on this. Actions cannot be separated. Neil Haggerty the State Fed lobbyist was the same man as Neil Haggerty of the LLPE who had endorsed Knight. Also he questioned just what had been achieved at Sacramento this session which was to be considered so very remarkable: more liberal members of the Legislature than for years, yet the accomplishments not so astounding.

UNANIMITY!

"Because of the action of Haggerty in getting the LLPE endorsement for Knight," insisted Chaudet, "our money was spent for Knight's election, we have helped to build up Knight," and now the labor movement in California was tied up with a man who would do everything he could to keep Knowland, Kuchel, and Eisenhower, all opposed to labor, in power.

Delegate VanDalsem of Carmel 192 said that he was strongly opposed to any endorsement of Haggerty, that his union had not found Haggerty helpful at Sacramento this year.

Various parliamentary maneuvers were engaged in during the discussion. Finally the undebatable motion to table was made, and the motion to endorse Pitts, Haggerty, Ash, and Jones was tabled. Then a motion simply to endorse Ash and Jones carried unanimously, followed by cheering and applause.

Cannot Be Fired for Wearing a Big Beard

ALBANY, N. Y. (AFL News)—An American worker can present any appearance he chooses if it doesn't effect his work or injure his employer.

An unemployment insurance referee in New York state so ruled in awarding unemployment compensation to a hotel swimming pool attendant fired for growing a beard.

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